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Serial No. : 10/815,014 Examiner : Catherine Witczak  
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### TITLE OF INVENTION: AUTOMATICALLY OPERABLE SAFETY SHIELD SYSTEM FOR SYRINGES

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**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1, 3, 5-8 and 10-20.

Applicants recognize that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. In particular, Applicants do not concede that all of the identified limitations are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Furthermore, the claims may be patentable for other reasons. In addition, Applicants note that while the Examiner states that the prior art does not disclose "a spring positioned between the distal portion of the inner holder and the distal end of the outer shield," claim 1 actually recites "a spring positioned between a first detent on the distal portion of said inner holder and a second detent on the distal portion of said outer shield."

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